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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: USG ASSISTANCE TO SINGAPORE

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DURING AIRPORT FAREWELL TODAY FOR PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, I HAD CHANCE TO SPEAK TO PM LEE BRIEFLY ABOUT OUR EFFORTS TO ASSIST GOS IN IMPROVING SECURITY OF AIR TRANSPORT SYSTEM. I ASKED IF HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON OUR EFFORTS DURING PAST WEEK TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND WHETHER THIS WAS KIND OF HELP HE THOUGHT GOS REQUIRED.

THE PM SAID HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED FULLY ON ACTIVITIES AND FINDINGS OF OUR FAA ADVISORS AND IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT SINGAPORE HAD A LONG WAY TO GO IN DEVELOPING A GOOD SECURITY SYSTEM. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE HAD ABANDONED OUR SKY MARSHAL PROGRAM AND THAT WE AND MOST OTHER COUNTRIES WERE CONCENTRATING ON GROUND SECURITY. IN VIEW OF FACT SKY MARSHALLS SYSTEM HAD NOT BDDN EFFECTIVE AND VERY FEW AIRLINES WERE USING MARSHALLS, HE THOUGHT SINGAPORE SHOULD ALSO CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON GROUND SECURITY.

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IT IS CLEAR THAT PM HAS CHANGED HIS VIEW ABOUT THE NEED FOR SKY MARSHALLS AND THAT HE CONSIDER PRIMARY NEED IS TO IMPROVE AIRPORT SECURITY. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY COME BACK TO THE MATTER OF SKY MARSHALLS LATER, IT APPEARS THAT THE KIND OF ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FAA IS NOW PROVIDING IS WHAT HE CURRENTLY WANTS. IN ANOTHER WEEK OR SO, AFTER THREE-MAN FAA TEAM ARRIVING TODAY HAS HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW MATTER, WE MAY BE ASKED TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC TRAINING, OR OTHER FORMS OF HELP. THIS COULD INCLUDE REQUEST FOR IN-FLIGHT TRAINING. IN ANY CASE, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON RIGHT WAVE-LENGTH AT THE MOMENT WITH THE PM AND HIS ADVISORS.

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